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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Boles *et al.*

Application No.: 09/336,609

Filed: June 18, 1999

For: DETECTION OF NON-VIRAL
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Examiner: J. Einsmann

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Art Unit 1655
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2000 for three (3) months, from August 8, 2000 to November 8, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$445.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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